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04 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
05 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

06 LARRY J. NICHOLSON, II, ) CASE NO. C08-0798-MJP-MAT  
07 Plaintiff, )  
08 v. ) ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S  
09 V. FERNANDEZ, ) MOTION FOR COPIES  
10 Defendant. )  
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12 Plaintiff is currently incarcerated in the King County Jail in Kent, Washington. He has filed  
13 a civil rights complaint, alleging that on February 29, 2008, a guard at the Jail named Fernandez  
14 watched as plaintiff was struck in the face by another inmate. (Dkt. No. 4 at 3). Plaintiff recently  
15 has sent the Clerk a letter requesting that the Clerk provide him with a copy of his complaint.  
16 (Dkt. No. 14). The Court, having reviewed plaintiff's request, does hereby find and ORDER as  
17 follows:

18 (1) Plaintiff is advised that requests to the Clerk or Court should be presented as  
19 motions. A copy of each motion must be sent to counsel for defendant, as well as the Court See  
20 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(a). The Court will strike any future request or motion that fails  
21 to comply with this rule.

22 (2) Plaintiff is further advised that his status as an *in forma pauperis* litigant does not

01 entitle him to free copies of documents filed with the Court. *See Tedder v. Odel*, 890 F.2d 210  
02 (9th Cir. 1989) (holding that the expenditure of public funds on behalf of an indigent litigant is  
03 proper only when authorized by Congress). Therefore, plaintiff's request for a copy of the  
04 complaint (Dkt. No. 14) is DENIED.

05 (3) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to plaintiff and to counsel for  
06 defendant.

07 DATED this 8th day of September, 2008.

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09 Mary Alice Theiler  
10 United States Magistrate Judge  
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